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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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September 18, 2017

MEMORANDUM

**SENSITIVE**

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *EWL for*  
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*  
Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona *DC*  
Assistant Staff Director  
Reports Analysis Division

BY: Kristin D. Roser/Ben Holly *KR BH*  
Reports Analysis Division  
Compliance Branch

SUBJECT: Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2017 Mid-Year Report for the  
Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file the 2017 Mid-Year Report in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). The Mid-Year Report was due on July 31, 2017.

The committees listed in the attached RTB Circulation Report either failed to file the report, no more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a late filed report), or filed the report more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

**Recommendation**

1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
2. Send the appropriate letters.

Federal Election Commission  
Reason to Believe Circulation Report  
2017 MID-YEAR REPORT Not Election Sensitive 07/31/2017 UNAUTH

AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	PV	Recalpt Date	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
3341	C00623256	AMERICA COMES FIRST PAC		DAVID W. SCHAMENS	\$154,404	3		Not Filed	\$154,404 (est)	\$13,371
3342	C00571398	BLAKPAC		SANDRA LOPEZ	\$142,914	0	8/25/2017	25	\$142,913	\$5,183
3343	C00630012	IT STARTS TODAY		JONATHAN ZUCKER	\$277,875	0	9/5/2017	Not Filed	\$277,875	\$11,114
3344	C00623355	NATIONAL TREASURY EMPLOYEES UNION ADVOCACY COMMITTEE		DEBORAH JANSEN	\$371,152	0		Not Filed	\$371,152 (est)	\$12,503
3345	C00625285	PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY'S EAGLE PAC		ED MARTIN	\$140,179	0		Not Filed	\$140,179 (est)	\$6,252
3346	C00502807	UNITED STATES PEANUT POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (US PEANUT PAC)		ROBERT L. REDDING JR.	\$126,633	0		Not Filed	\$126,633	\$6,252

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
)  
Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2017 )  
Mid-Year Report for the Administrative )  
Fine Program: )  
AMERICA COMES FIRST PAC, and ) AF# 3341  
SCHAMENS, DAVID W MR. as treasurer; )  
BLAKPAC, and SANDRA LOPEZ as ) AF# 3342  
treasurer; )  
IT STARTS TODAY, and ZUCKER, ) AF# 3343  
JONATHAN as treasurer; )  
NATIONAL TREASURY EMPLOYEES ) AF# 3344  
UNION ADVOCACY COMMITTEE, and )  
JANSEN, DEBORAH as treasurer; )  
PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY'S EAGLE PAC, ) AF# 3345  
and MARTIN, ED as treasurer; )  
UNITED STATES PEANUT POLITICAL ) AF# 3346  
ACTION COMMITTEE (US PEANUT )  
PAC), and ROBERT L REDDING JR as )  
treasurer; )

CERTIFICATION

I, Dayna C. Brown, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission,  
do hereby certify that on September 20, 2017 the Commission took the following  
actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2017 Mid-Year Report for the  
Administrative Fine Program as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's  
Memorandum dated September 18, 2017, on the following committees:

AF#3341 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICA  
COMES FIRST PAC, and SCHAMENS, DAVID W MR. in his official capacity as  
treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the  
civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate  
letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted  
affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3342 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BLAKPAC, and SANDRA LOPEZ in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3343 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that IT STARTS TODAY, and ZUCKER, JONATHAN in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3344 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NATIONAL TREASURY EMPLOYEES UNION ADVOCACY COMMITTEE, and JANSEN, DEBORAH in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3345 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY'S EAGLE PAC, and MARTIN, ED in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3346 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that UNITED STATES PEANUT POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (US PEANUT PAC), and ROBERT L REDDING JR in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

September 21, 2017  
Date

Dayna C. Brown  
Dayna C. Brown  
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 21, 2017

Ed Martin, in official capacity as Treasurer  
Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle PAC  
7800 Bonhomme Avenue  
Clayton, MO 63105

C00625285  
AF#: 3345

Dear Mr. Martin:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a Mid-Year Report of Receipts and Disbursements in any calendar year other than one during which a regularly scheduled general election is held. This report, covering the period January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, shall be filed no later than July 31, 2017. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). Because records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that you did not file this report within thirty (30) days of the due date, the report is considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the civil money penalty. You should file this report if you have not already done so.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). 52 U.S.C. § 30109g(a)(4). On September 20, 2017, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle PAC and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before July 31, 2017. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$6,252. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$6,252 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by October 30, 2017, and is based on these factors:

Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive  
Level of Activity: \$140,179  
Number of Days Late: Not Filed  
Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

**1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty**

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must include the AF# (found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number) and be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or October 30, 2017. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. *Id.* Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

## **2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge**

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle PAC and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.* The FEC may take any and all appropriate

action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

**3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty**

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, follow the payment instructions on page 4 of this letter. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

**NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS**

**4. Partial Payments**

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination.

**5. Settlement Offers**

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including making a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2). Unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public, it will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record at the conclusion of this matter in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Ben Holly in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,



Steven T. Walther  
Chair



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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$6,252 for the 2017 Mid-Year Report.

You may remit payment by ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit [www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml) to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form.

This penalty may also be paid by check or money order, made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission  
P.O. Box 979058  
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please send to:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox  
FEC #979058  
1005 Convention Plaza  
Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101

**PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK**

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT**

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FOR: Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle PAC

FEC ID#: C00625285

AF#: 3345

PAYMENT DUE DATE: October 30, 2017

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$6,252



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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**SENSITIVE**

January 29, 2018

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*  
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*  
Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona *DC*  
Assistant Staff Director  
Reports Analysis Division

BY: *KDR* Kristin D. Roser/Ben Holly *BH*  
Reports Analysis Division  
Compliance Branch

SUBJECT: Administrative Fine Program – Final Determination Recommendation for the  
2017 Mid-Year Report

Attached is a list identifying political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2017 Mid-Year Report. The committees have not paid the civil money penalties requested at RTB and have been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.40, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to those respondents that have not paid the civil money penalty.

For your information, one (1) committee disclosed a level of activity after the RTB finding which would result in a lowered civil money penalty. An overview of this case has been provided below.

Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle PAC (AF 3345) filed the 2017 Mid-Year Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$3,000 (previously estimated to be \$140,179), thus the fine would be lowered from \$6,252 to \$326.

(1) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the attached report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalties so indicated.

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Federal Election Commission  
FD Circulation Report Fine Not Paid  
2017 MID-YEAR REPORT Not Election Sensitive 07/31/2017 UNAUTH

AF#	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Committee ID	Treasurer	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	PV	RTB Date	RTB Penalty	Days Since RTB	FD Penalty
3341	AMERICA COMES FIRST PAC		C00623256	DAVID W. SCHAMENS		Not Filed	\$154,404 (est)	3	09/20/2017	\$13,371	131	\$13,371
3342	BLAKPAC		C00571398	SANDRA LOPEZ	08/25/2017	25	\$142,913	0	09/20/2017	\$5,183	131	\$5,183
3345	PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY'S EAGLE PAC		C00625285	ED MARTIN	10/31/2017	Not Filed	\$3,000	0	09/20/2017	\$6,252	131	\$326
3346	UNITED STATES PEANUT POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (US PEANUT PAC)		C00502807	ROBERT L. REDDING JR.		Not Filed*	\$126,633*	0	09/20/2017	\$6,252	131	\$6,252

\* Per CFR § 104.18, this committee is required to file electronic reports. The committee filed the 2017 Mid-Year Report on paper, therefore, the report is considered not filed. Although not considered an acceptable filing, the financial activity on the paper report was used to calculate the committee's level of activity for the reporting period.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
)  
Administrative Fine Program – Final )  
Determination Recommendation for the )  
2017 Mid-Year Report: )  
AMERICA COMES FIRST PAC, and ) AF# 3341  
SCHAMENS, DAVID W MR. as treasurer; )  
BLAKPAC, and SANDRA LOPEZ as ) AF# 3342  
treasurer; )  
PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY'S EAGLE PAC, ) AF# 3345  
and MARTIN, ED as treasurer; )  
UNITED STATES PEANUT POLITICAL ) AF# 3346  
ACTION COMMITTEE (US PEANUT )  
PAC), and ROBERT L REDDING JR as )  
treasurer; )

CERTIFICATION

I, Dayna C. Brown, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission,  
do hereby certify that on February 06, 2018 the Commission took the following  
actions on the Administrative Fine Program – Final Determination Recommendation  
for the 2017 Mid-Year Report as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's  
Memorandum dated January 29, 2018, on the following committees:

AF#3341 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that  
AMERICA COMES FIRST PAC, and SCHAMENS, DAVID W MR. in his official  
capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money  
penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter,  
Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.


AF#3342 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that BLAKPAC, and SANDRA LOPEZ in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3345 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY'S EAGLE PAC, and MARTIN, ED in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3346 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that UNITED STATES PEANUT POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (US PEANUT PAC), and ROBERT L REDDING JR in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

February 7, 2018  
Date

  
Dayna C. Brown  
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 7, 2018

Ed Martin, in official capacity as Treasurer  
Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle PAC  
7800 Bonhomme Avenue  
Clayton, MO 63105

C00625285  
AF#: 3345

Dear Mr. Martin:

On September 20, 2017, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle PAC and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2017 Mid-Year Report. By letter dated September 22, 2017, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the preliminary civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage to be \$6,252 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43. Within forty (40) days of the FEC's RTB finding, you were required to either transmit payment of the calculated civil money penalty or submit a written response challenging either the RTB finding or the calculated civil money penalty.

The FEC did not receive payment of the calculated civil money penalty or a written response within the time permitted. Since that time, the amount of the civil money penalty has been changed to reflect the actual level of activity of the 2017 Mid-Year Report. The FEC made a final determination on February 6, 2018 that Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle PAC and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$326 in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43. The civil money penalty is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$3,000

Number of Days Late: Not Filed (reports not filed within thirty (30) days of the due date are considered not filed for the purposes of calculating the penalty)

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

**1. If You Choose to Appeal the Final Determination and/or Civil Money Penalty**

If you choose to appeal the final determination, you should submit a written petition, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, to the U.S. District Court for the district in which the committee or you reside, or transact business, requesting that the final determination be modified or set aside. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(C)(iii). Your failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of the respondents' right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 CFR § 111.38.

## **2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Appeal**

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA") as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 ("DCIA"), 31 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.* If you do not pay this debt within thirty (30) days (or file a written petition to a federal district court - see below), the Commission will transfer the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for collection. Within five (5) days of the transfer to Treasury, Treasury will contact you to request payment. Treasury currently charges a fee of 30% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. If the age of the debt is greater than or equal to two years old, Treasury will charge a fee of 32% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. The fee will be added to the amount of the civil money penalty that you owe. Should Treasury's attempts fail, Treasury will refer the debt to a private collection agency ("PCA"). If the debt remains unpaid, Treasury may recommend that the Commission refer the matter to the Department of Justice for litigation.

Actions which may be taken to enforce recovery of a delinquent debt by Treasury may also include: (1) offset of any payments, which the debtor is due, including tax refunds and salary; (2) referral of the debt to agency counsel for litigation; (3) reporting of the debt to a credit bureau; (4) administrative wage garnishment; and (5) reporting of the debt, if discharged, to the IRS as potential taxable income. In addition, under the provisions of DCIA and other statutes applicable to the FEC, the debtor may be subject to the assessment of other statutory interest, penalties, and administrative costs.

In accordance with the DCIA, at your request, the agency will offer you the opportunity to inspect and copy records relating to the debt, the opportunity for a review of the debt, and the opportunity to enter into a written repayment agreement.

## **3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty**

If you should decide to pay the civil money penalty, follow the payment instructions on page 4 of this letter. You should make payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.

## **NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS**

### **4. Partial Payments**

If you make a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assessed upon making a final determination.

### **5. Settlement Offers**



Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assessed upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

The confidentiality provisions at 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. Pursuant to 11 CFR §§ 111.42(b) and 111.20(c), the file will be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding the payment of the civil money penalty, please contact Ben Holly at Federal Election Commission, 999 E St., NW, Washington, DC 20463, or our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt, press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

*Carole C. Hunter*

Caroline C. Hunter  
Chair

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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the civil money penalty is \$326 for the 2017 Mid-Year Report. The payment is due within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

You may remit payment by ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit [www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml) to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form.

This penalty may also be paid by check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission  
PO Box 979058  
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please send to:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox  
FEC #979058  
1005 Convention Plaza  
Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101

**PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK**

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTs). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on the check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT**

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FOR: Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle PAC

FEC ID#: C00625285

AF#: 3345

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$326

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